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## On the picket line

Members of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario wave as a passing vehicle honks in support during their one-day strike on Jan. 21. The union members walked up and down the sidewalk on Bobcaygeon Road near Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden. Thirty-five teachers, in two shifts, walked the picket line. See more on page 3. / DARREN LUM Staff

# Community mourns man who died at work

by **SUE TIFFIN**  
Times Staff

When Wade Hartin died unexpectedly at work as a snow-grooming machine operator at Dagmar Ski Resort near Uxbridge last week, friends, family and the wider commu-

nity reached out to share stories of his impact on their own lives: how caring and genuine he was, a hard worker, a man who was often laughing and always giving tremendous bear hugs, and someone who very much loved his family and friends.

It was clear, as family friend Ashley Webster told the *Times*, "how many lives

have been touched by his passing because he was just so loved by so many people."

"The common things that come up are just how generous he was, how kind he was," said Webster. "He was the type of person who could make a friend instantly out of whoever he talked to. He would be selling something on Kijiji and all of a sudden chat-

ting with that person and they're his friend now. He was just that type of magnetic personality. His friends also joked that he was a legend because he was just known for having such a big, charismatic personality."

"Wade was everyone's best friend," said his brother, Shayne, in a statement to the

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# Annual equalization, infrastructure funding announced

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Earlier this week, the provincial government announced annual funding allocations for municipalities under both its Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund and Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund programs.

Under the OMPF, which is the province's main grant funding program for municipalities, traditionally essentially equalization payments for Ontario's less prosperous and rural communities, overall funding levels for the municipalities of Haliburton County will remain close to what they were for 2019. The Township of Algonquin Highlands will receive \$1,264,000, \$20,000 less than the \$1,284,000 it received last year. The Township of Minden Hills will see an increase in its OMPF funding, receiving approximately \$1.8 million, up from approximately \$1.7 million last year. The municipalities of Dysart et al and Highlands East will each receive the exact same funding amount as 2019, at \$1.7 million and \$1.9 million respectively, and the upper tier of the County of Haliburton will see its funding drop from \$284,200 last year to \$241,600.

The funding is based on a number of criteria, including the number of households per municipality, how rural the municipalities are, how small they are, and what their fiscal circumstances are. It is used to offset general operating expenses.

Finance Minister Rod Phillips made the funding announcement during the Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference in Toronto on Monday.

"Municipalities told us how vital the OMPF is to their communities and they need information sooner to plan their budgets," Phillips said in a release. "That's why we announced allocations for 2020 earlier than ever before, and why we're committing today to maintain the funding envelope for next year."

Through the OCIF, which provides money for infrastruc-

ture projects, the county and its municipalities will collectively receive nearly \$650,000. The Township of Algonquin Highlands will receive \$50,000 which will be allocated for roads rehabilitation, and the Township of Minden Hills will receive just more than \$102,000, which will be allocated to its roads department. The municipalities of Dysart et al and Highlands East will receive approximately \$160,000 and \$50,000 respectively, also for roads, and the upper tier of the County of Haliburton will receive nearly \$285,000. Collectively, municipalities throughout Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock are getting an infrastructure funding infusion of nearly \$3.2 million.

"We are continuing to support our local municipal partners in creating jobs and stimulating economic growth, keeping our community thriving," HKLB MPP Laurie Scott, who is also Ontario's infrastructure minister, said in a release. "This funding delivers more money to address local infrastructure priorities."

## Museum expansion price tag higher than expected

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

An expansion of the Dorset Heritage Museum will cost significantly more than anticipated, and Algonquin Highlands councillors are in the process of deciding how the township might go about making up that shortfall.

During a Jan. 16 council meeting, township parks, rec and trail manager Chris Card informed council there is a shortfall of nearly \$75,000 on the project, which will include the construction of a 960-square-foot addition to the museum. Last year, the township was successful in obtaining a \$150,000 capital grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation toward the project, and the plan was that the rest of the money would be fundraised. It was anticipated the total price tag would be \$270,000.

However, the two bids the township received were for \$393,500 and \$483,000, respectively. A report from Card showed that, were council to accept the lower bid, along with engineering, project oversight and contingency costs, the total estimated cost for the project is now just more than \$525,000.

With the \$150,000 grant, a \$32,000 transfer from general reserves, a \$185,000 transfer from the special projects reserve, \$35,000 from the anticipated 2019 surplus and \$50,000 in anticipated donations through a fundraising group for the museum, there would still be a shortfall of more than \$73,300.

A condition of the OTF grant is that the project must be completed by September.

"Obviously, we need to have a discussion about where the money is going to come from," said Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen.

"I think we need to have a very serious conversation about tenders for projects on municipal property and who has the authority to manage them," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt. Bracebridge-based Granite Engineering Services had completed the initial drawings for the project, and Card told councillors the museum committee had also used Granite to draw up the tender.

Moffatt didn't want the additional, unanticipated expense added to the tax levy.

"I can't see adding it to the levy," she said, suggesting that the township might supply the money from its working funds, and that the museum committee would have to fundraise until that money is paid back to the municipality.

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux asked Card what would happen if the project was not completed by the Ontario Trillium Foundation's September deadline, and Card said in that case, it's a possibility that the funding organization would request the money back.

"If we approve this today, we're approving an unknown," said Moffatt, suggesting the issue be deferred until the next council meeting so discussions between the township and the museum group can take place.

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SIRCH's first Repair Café takes place on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (gymnasium), 5358 County Road 21, Haliburton.

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A recent study states that Canadians produce more garbage per capita than any other country on earth. Each Canadian generates approximately 2.7 kg of garbage each day. Communities across the country – including Haliburton County – struggle with an increasing amount of residential waste that ends up in local landfills. SIRCH's Repair Cafés are a vital way to help reduce the amount of waste that needs to be disposed of by giving household items a new life.

"If you know your repair will require replacement parts, for example buttons or a bicycle tire tube, please bring the parts with you. The fixer may give you a list of parts required so they can complete the repair at a future Repair Café event," said Varga. "The work carried out at the Repair Café is done free of charge. A donation jar will be available if you'd like to 'pay it forward.' Donations are appreciated, but there is no expectation."

SIRCH's Repair Café is funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations. OTF awarded \$108 million to 629 projects last year to build healthy and vibrant communities in Ontario.

Submitted by SIRCH Community Services





ETFO members walked up and down the sidewalk on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden, steps from Archie Stouffer Elementary School, as part of the one-day strike at Trillium Lakelands District School Board schools on Tuesday, Jan. 21. Thirty-five ETFO members, over the course of two shifts, walked the picket line outside the Minden school from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. /DARREN LUM Staff

# Strike action closes county's schools

by JENN WATT  
Editor

Rotating one-day strikes involved teachers at the county's high school, alternate education centre, and five elementary schools on Tuesday, as the unions intensify job action over stalled negotiations with the province.

"We are asking parents to stand with us to protect the future of public education," said Karen Bratina, president of the Trillium Lakelands teacher local of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, in a media release. "The programs we are fighting for today will have an impact on the education of students now and in the future."

ETFO had previously announced its members would not be supervising field trips or extra-curricular activities to demonstrate their dissatisfaction at how negotiations were going. Late last week, the union gave the mandatory five days' notice of this week's strike.

Issues important to ETFO include protecting the kindergarten program, teacher compensation, smaller class sizes, and resources for students with special needs.

"Since late December, Education Minister [Stephen] Lecce's team has shown no interest in returning to contract talks to discuss key issues affecting students, student learning and educators," Bratina said. "A strike is the only means for educators to force the government to get serious about nego-

tiations and the future of public education."

The Trillium Lakelands ETFO local picketed school sites as well as MPP Laurie Scott's office and MPP Norm Miller's office.

Responding to the announced job action, Lecce said the government would be offering financial child-care compensation to parents with children up to age 12 for every day strikes keep them out of school.

"While unions impose hardship on families and students, our government is taking proactive steps to ensure students remain cared for – and families supported – in the event that unions decide to further escalate job action in their fight for enhanced compensation and other demands," Lecce said in a statement.

ETFO said the government was trying to bribe parents with their own dollars and indicated that money should be invested into public education.

Meanwhile, high school teachers in Trillium Lakelands District School Board were also striking on Tuesday, Jan. 21. Issues identified by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation as important in their negotiations include class sizes, mandatory e-learning, and teacher compensation.

OSSTF had said it would postpone job action if the province "agrees to return to, and maintain, the class size ratios and staffing levels that were in place during the 2018–2019 school year."

In 2018-2019, the average class size was 22:1. The prov-

ince wants to increase the average teacher-to-student ratio to 25:1, OSSTF says.

There will be no strikes by secondary school teachers during exam period, OSSTF announced on Jan. 15.

"Throughout this dispute we have made every effort to ensure that our job actions create minimal disruption for students," said OSSTF president Harvey Bischof. "With that objective in mind, OSSTF/FEESO members will not engage in any work disruptions through the crucial exam period."

Lecce said that disrupting school the week before exams put additional pressure on students.

"While parents are frustrated by teacher union escalation every few years, it is unacceptable that OSSTF would ramp up strike action at a time when high school students are preparing for exams. I will continue to focus on reaching voluntary agreements with the teachers' unions, so Ontario students stay in class where they belong," he said.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board issued an update on its website last week stating that it understood the job action was frustrating and "we hope that a provincial agreement with both ETFO and OSSTF can be reached very soon."

Schools were closed during the one-day strikes, reopening on Wednesday, Jan. 22.

"Daycares, before and after school programs, and community use of school after-hours programs, are not affected by the strike," the TLDSB update reads.



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Public Welcome

Meetings are held at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street.

### Jan 30 – Combined COTW/Regular Council Meeting

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit [www.mindenhill.ca](http://www.mindenhill.ca)

**Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of January, July, August and December.**

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## NOTICE – 2020 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence the 3rd Round of its 2020 Budget deliberations during its Regular Meeting of Council scheduled

for January 30, 2020.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

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# Hartin remembered for warm personality

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*Times*. “When people would first meet Wade they were always amazed by his great smile and caring personality ... This sudden death has left everyone trying to find answers and we will all miss his big hugs, witty sense of humour and larger than life personality.”

Those friends and family, both individuals and representatives of the skiing and snowboarding community that Wade had been part of, have so far raised more than \$40,000 at press time in the week since his death on Jan. 14.

The funds raised are expected to help support Wade’s family, his wife Emily and their unborn baby, due in April.

Emily told the *Times* that Wade was the “[s]weetest, most friendly person. Someone you gravitate towards and need to be friends with. [He] got along with everyone.”

Wade grew up in Kinmount and at about age eight, began spending winters at Sir Sam’s ski hill, where he fell in love with snowboarding.

“A love that stuck with him ‘til the end,” Emily told the *Times*. Wade went to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School for some time and worked at Pinestone Resort.

When Wade and Emily Johnston met at Dagmar Ski Resort, where they both worked, it was to both of them love at first sight. They loved adventures outdoors, weekends of mini-golf, or exploring new towns and places, Emily said. They began dating in November 2010, and became engaged five years later, celebrating two marriage ceremonies: one in March 2016, and one in September 2017. Wedding photos show them holding snowboards and posing happily in the snow. Their



Kinmount’s Wade Hartin, seen here with wife Emily, died unexpectedly on Jan. 14 while working as a snowgroomer at Dagmar Ski Resort. A GoFundMe account has raised \$40,000 for Emily and the couple’s unborn child. The death is still under investigation./ Photo submitted

first baby, which Emily called “our little miracle baby” is due April 22, 2020.

“He’s been a passionate snowboarder for years and years, that was something him and Emily used to do all the time,” said Webster. “One thing the family wants is for his love of snowboarding to be passed on, and for his friends that are snowboarding to have that be a positive memory of him.”

Wade was an operations-park employee who had worked seasonally for 13 summers for the City of Markham, beginning in 2006. Due to his hard work and dedication, according to City of Markham spokesperson Jennifer Yap, he soon joined the Cultural Practices Team.

“Wade brought his best every day and

in doing so brought out the best in everyone around him,” said Yap. “Wade was a people person who you naturally gravitated to seeking his advice, sense of humour and friendship.”

Describing him as an avid outdoorsman, Yap said, “In his words, Wade was exactly where he wanted to be and said, ‘I love working outside on the ski hill in the winter as much as I love working outside on the fields in the summer.’”

The City of Markham flew a flag at half-staff at all city facilities after hearing of Wade’s death, a gesture they make for current employees and which they made for Wade because of his longtime summer employment with the city, and the expectation

he would return this summer. The flags remained lowered until sunset the day of his funeral.

In a statement to the *Times*, and posted on the Dagmar Ski Resort’s social media pages, representatives of the ski resort said they are broken-hearted.

“It is with indescribable sadness and pain that we mourn the tragic loss of our beloved friend and colleague, Wade Hartin,” read the statement, in part. “Dagmar is a tight-knit family that loves and cares for one another and losing one of our own has been and continues to be devastating. We grieve for his beautiful wife and our dear friend Emily and their unborn baby child, Baby Hartin. Dagmar will never be the same without you Wade, we love you and you will forever be in our hearts.”

Gloria Yip, spokesperson for the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development said the department was notified of the fatality on Jan. 14.

“At this time, the circumstances surrounding the investigation cannot be confirmed,” she said. “Our investigation is ongoing.”

Yip said two requirements – when an inspector requires something from an employer – had been issued to the employer, Ski Dagmar Resort. She did not clarify what the requirement was but said examples of such can include a requirement for documentation, information or to not disturb the scene.

A funeral service for Wade, who lived in Lindsay at the time of his death, took place on Jan. 21. A GoFundMe page to help support Emily and Wade’s baby has been organized at <https://www.gofundme.com/helping-emilybaby-after-the-loss-of-wade>.



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Mike Cavanagh has been fire chief in Algonquin Highlands for the past five and a half years. Cavanagh is leaving the township to take a job as deputy chief for Peterborough's fire department. / CHAD INGRAM Staff



## Kudos for Cavanagh from council

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands councillors had kind words for departing fire chief Mike Cavanagh as he gave a final report to council during a Jan. 16 meeting.

Cavanagh is resigning from the township, taking a position as deputy chief of Peterborough's fire department. He's been fire chief in Algonquin Highlands for the past five and a half years.

"Our loss is their gain," said Mayor Carol Moffatt. "You certainly made your imprint on our fire service, tri-services, emergency management . . . And I think you have developed an enviable reputation and you're highly respected in the community."

"I think I speak for everybody by saying thank you for

being who you are and what you brought to Algonquin Highlands," Moffatt said.

"You've been great to work with and you have done a lot to bring fire services together, emergency measures, planning, training, across the county," said Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Danielsen.

"Thank you for those kind words," Cavanagh said, thanking council for taking a chance on him and allowing him to lead the township's fire service. "I have made a lot of good friends here and I think we have accomplished a lot and I think our accomplishments or my accomplishments are directly related to the support that I've had from you as council as a whole. And you have a great fire service and they're going to continue to do great things. They're on a great path."

Cavanagh's last day with the township is this week, and Algonquin Highlands has been accepting resumes in search of his successor.

## Education director to retire this summer

School will be out this summer in a big way for Larry Hope. Hope, who's been director of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board for the past decade, announced last week that he will retire at the end of July.

"This has absolutely been the highlight of my career to be here for the last 10 years," Hope says, speaking glowingly of the students, teaching staff, support staff and trustees of the board.

Hope has worked in education for 30 years, beginning his career as a teacher in the small town of Ignace, Ont., then working his way through teaching, vice-principal and principal positions in other communities throughout northwestern Ontario, such as Sioux Lookout.

He then moved into senior positions at the board level, and was director of the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board, before taking the helm of TLDSB.

Hope says the greatest singular change he's seen in education during his three decades in the vocation has been the rise of technology in schools in the past 10 to 15 years, transforming everything from the way educational programming is delivered to the way students are evaluated.

Hope says he intends to spend more time with his fishing rod than he's been able to, as well as travel with wife Jane and spend time at their home in Reaboro (just outside Lindsay), where they have animals including horses. "We're just going to do the things we enjoy doing," he says. The couple's two children will both be off pursuing their post-secondary education.

He repeatedly stresses his appreciation for the students, staff and board trustees of TLDSB.

"I've had amazing support from trustees," Hope says. "We have a group of trustees who care incredibly about kids, far more than politics, and that makes an incredible difference."

"I'm forever grateful to the people who make the system what it is," he says.

Hope's last official day with the board is July 31.

Chad Ingram, Staff



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## The toll of roads

**I**T'S BUDGET SEASON, which means local politicians and municipal staff are doing an annual dance of attempting to complete as much work as possible while keeping property tax increases as palatable as possible.

As is perennially the case, roads costs make up a large chunk of any municipality's budget, because, well, roads are expensive. And while that may seem self-evident, it's important for taxpayers to understand the scope of that burden.

There was an infrastructure boom in Ontario during the 1950s and 1960s, with roads, highways and bridges built all over the place. Much of that infrastructure is aging or crumbling, and over time a number of roadways that were once provincially maintained were downloaded for municipal governments to look after. In the context of Haliburton County, County Roads 21, 121 and 503 are examples of such roadways.

Collectively amongst Ontario municipal governments, the infrastructure gap – that is, the annual financial shortfall just in maintaining existing transportation infrastructure – totals billions of dollars per year. Unlike the federal or provincial governments, municipalities have no constitutional authority; they exist solely as creatures of the provinces, and can only do what their respective provincial governments tell them they can do. Ontario municipalities remain restricted in the ways they are allowed to generate revenue, and property tax remains far and away the main vehicle.

That isn't to say the province doesn't help. Earlier this week, for example, funding allotments for the year under the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund were announced, and collectively the County of Haliburton and its lower tiers will receive about \$650,000. That

may seem like a lot, until you start looking at the numbers. Even the small municipalities of the county have roads budgets of millions of dollars per year.

Algonquin Highlands, for example, is receiving \$50,000 from the OCIF, which, you know, is nice, but consider a project to upgrade a portion of North Shore Road for which the township has repeatedly been denied grant funding is worth about \$800,000. That's one project.

Minden Hills is receiving about \$100,000 from the OCIF, which, again, is handy, but consider that the rehabilitation of the Sedgwick Road bridge – a small bridge on a very rural road – will cost \$1 million. The township's public works director recently told council that ideally, Minden Hills could use about \$4 million per year just to adequately maintain its existing infrastructure. That's without taking anything

new into account. That's just to keep existing assets at par.

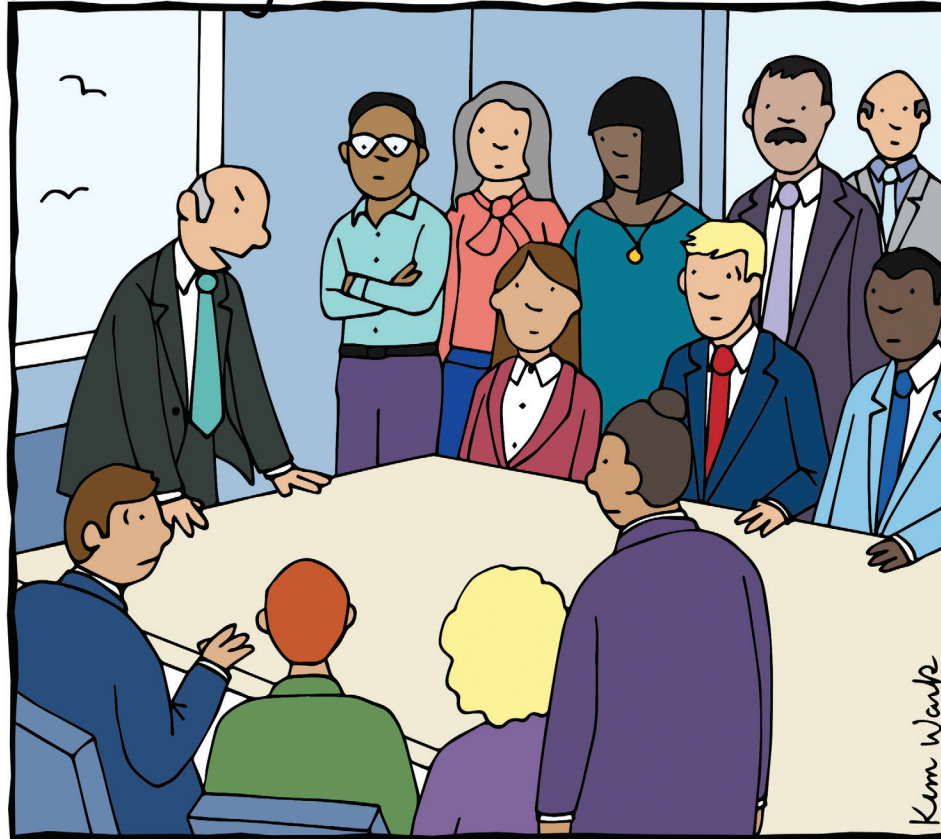
When a roads project is deferred, it also means the cost of the project will increase over time due to inflation. The cost of a project that is deferred for a number of years can easily increase by hundreds of thousands of dollars, and inflation also means that it costs municipalities more year over year to maintain just their existing infrastructure.

Now, municipalities could try to save some money by reexamining/reducing service levels, but presumably this would go over poorly with residents. They could try generating additional revenue by say, instituting tolls on some roads, but presumably that would go over even worse.

In the meantime, while it can come as unwelcome news, it's likely that property taxes will continue to get ratcheted up each year.

**CHAD INGRAM**  
Reporter

## Kwarky



*"It's about time we said hello to reply all."*

## Pike flies then and now

**O**VER THE PAST week or so, I've been dreaming of spring and open water, and tying pike flies.

If there is a problem with pike flies, it is their size. Some of the ones I tie are close to a foot long. This is only an issue because it forces your angling buddies to comment that the flies you are tying are bigger than the fish you catch.

You can tell a lot about how optimistic an angler is by the size of the pike flies they tie.

Pike flies are an exercise in futility. When I was young and new to fly tying all we did was tie a bunch of white buck tail on a hook that had silver tinsel wrapped around its shank. It wasn't pretty but we caught fish.

These flies had the added benefit of not having too much time or material put into them. This was important because their life cycle went something like this.

Phase one: young, idealistic and naive, and I'm talking about the flies here, they set forth into the watery world deliberately looking for a fish that possesses up to 700 razor-sharp teeth and a dire need for orthodontic treatment. Phase two: they eventually found the fish, provided they avoided losing the fly to trees, underwater stumps or friends who moved into the way of their cast – or did not have the common decency to move out of the way when the angler tried a different delivery route. Phase three: they hooked a pike and a fight ensued. Phase four: they landed the pike and either put it on a stringer for dinner or released it. Either way, the fish survived longer than the pike fly did.

Then, a new generation of talented fly tiers went and ruined everything. They started tying flies that were wonderful im-

pressionistic imitations of the food pike eat, which were complex to tie and filled with expensive and varied materials.

The life cycle of those flies went something like this.

Phase one: young, idealistic and naive, and I'm talking about the flies here, they set forth into the watery world deliberately looking for a fish that possesses up to 700 razor-sharp teeth and a dire need for orthodontic treatment. Phase two: they eventually found the fish, provided they avoided losing the fly to trees, underwater stumps or friends who moved into the way of their cast – or did not have the common decency to move out of the way when the angler tried a different delivery route. Phase three: they hooked a pike and a fight ensued. Phase four: they landed the pike and either put it on a stringer for dinner or released it. Either way, the fish survived longer than the pike fly did.

Yes, the life cycle of the fly was essentially the same.

So why use these big, complex flies, you ask?

Well, if I am to be honest, it is because they catch more pike than the old white bucktails we grew up using, and generally bigger pike too. But, more importantly, they looked better in the fly box and in the water.

That is to say, when you step into a boat or fish with a bunch of well-tied modern pike flies, you get into the right head space.

And you wouldn't feel too bad if a trophy-sized pike rearranged one of your flies into something that looked more like a regurgitated rat, though it's a little more painful when this is done by a mediocre fish.

So you make your modern pike flies as bullet proof as possible – and then use the white bucktails when no one is looking.

**STEVE GALEA**  
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## IN OTHER WORDS

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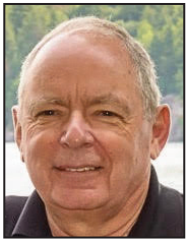
# The problem with pigs

As if we didn't have enough worries about the environment, here's a new one: wild pigs.

These beasts, considered one of the world's most destructive invasive species, are well established in the Prairie provinces and are showing up in Ontario. They are the hybrid offspring of imported wild boars and domestic swine.

They are prolific breeders and there are fears they will multiply uncontrollably and destroy natural and agricultural areas here in Ontario.

Early last year the Ontario government reported 28 wild pig sightings and has launched a new pilot study to monitor sightings and gather information to determine what can be done to stop a wild pig population from becoming established.



**JIM POLING SR.**

*From Shaman's Rock*

In Haliburton County, two wild pig sightings were reported in 2019, one an escaped pot-bellied pig. Wild pigs can survive winter because, unlike domestic pigs, they have thick, bristly hair.

They are a serious problem in the U.S., firmly established in 35 states. The U.S. government says they cause \$2 billion a year in damage, trampling plant life, rooting up huge areas and squeezing out other wildlife. They also can spread diseases to wild and domestic animals, and to humans.

They dig holes up to three feet deep snorting about for food. Their digging also uncovers tree and shrub

roots, exposing them to disease and damage.

"Wild pigs are ecological train wrecks," says Ruth Aschim, a University of Saskatchewan doctoral student who led a research team that studied wild pig expansion in Canada. The study found that territory occupied by wild pigs has increased on average by 88,000 square kilometres a year over the last decade.

They were not always considered destroyers of the environment. In fact, they once were considered helpful critters, which I learned while pursuing my hobby of family tree research.

I have traced my family back many centuries, discovering it evolved from a tribe of Saxon barbarians who invaded southern England from Europe. They settled in what now is West Sussex and, when they became somewhat civilized, established the village of Poling, which exists today.

The Poling villagers had pannage rights to a chunk of forest to their north. Pannage was an ancient practice of letting pigs and other livestock loose in a forested area to fatten on acorns, chestnuts and other delectables. This particular chunk of forest was called Palinga Schittas (Old English for swine sheds of the Polings), as mentioned in an AD 953 Sussex charter of King Eadred.

Letting the pigs run wild in the forest not only fattened them for slaughter but helped create garden areas. The pigs dug up the soil so thoroughly that rototilling – shovelling back in those days – was unnecessary.

Wild pigs saved many back muscles.

Times change and now we have tractors to break the land. Wild pigs are not needed and are considered by some biologists as the greatest emerging wildlife challenge of the 21st century.

Pigs are not native to North America. They were brought here by early explorers and settlers, then again in modern times to diversify livestock production and to provide sport hunting opportunities.

Folks no doubt thought importing the beasts was a good idea at the time. However, they have developed into a problem of our own making.

The biggest part of the problem is that they breed like rabbits. They start having sex as young as six months and one female wild pig can produce a couple dozen piglets every 12 months or so over a lifespan of four to eight years.

So it is not hard to believe the U.S. department of agriculture estimate that there are seven million wild hogs on the loose in that country.

Part of Ontario's new pilot study is to encourage people to report any sightings of pigs outside a fence. It is asking people reporting sightings to include a description and, if possible, a picture. Sightings can be reported by email to [wildpigs@ontario.ca](mailto:wildpigs@ontario.ca) or on the iNaturalist Ontario Pig Reporting webpage.

The government's goal is to use information from sightings, and variety of other sources, to decide what measures can be taken to stop wild pigs from becoming fully established in the province. The U.S. has found that trying to eliminate wild pig populations, even through extensive hunting, is almost impossible.

# Jackfruit

I RECENTLY HAD the opportunity to try jackfruit. It is the chicken alternative in a butter chicken dish. I haven't eaten chicken (or any other meat) for years. It sure tasted good to me. Like tofu, jackfruit tends to take on the taste of what it's seasoned with or the sauce it is covered with, as was the case with the dish I tried. Before today I knew nothing about jackfruit. The Internet is an amazing place! Now I'm almost an expert!

The cool thing about jackfruit is that one tree can produce up to three tons of food a year. For people living in tropical countries it is a wonderful food source. Now it is gaining popularity in North America.

Jackfruit is a species of tree in the fig, mulberry and breadfruit family. The plant originated in southwest India but then spread to other parts of India, southeast Asia, the East Indies, the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand. The trees typically grow in tropical conditions but they will and do grow in Florida and Hawaii.

Ripe jackfruit is sweet and tastes similar to pineapple, mango and bananas. It's the unripe fruit that is more like a potato so it works well in savoury recipes. Two cups of jackfruit have 310 calories and are packed with nutrients that benefit our health:

- Good for the immune system: contains vitamin C.
- Improves digestion: packed with fibre.

- Boosts energy levels: contains B vitamins.
- Helps maintain blood pressure and heart health: contains some potassium.

- Contributes to eye health: contains vitamin A.
- Good for bone health: contains high levels of calcium and some magnesium that help with the absorption of the calcium.

There are two downsides to jackfruit. The first is that it doesn't have as much protein as the meat it is replacing would contain. To compensate for that it's best used in a dish

that contains beans or lentils.

The other downside is while jackfruit is becoming popular it is still hard to find. Most regular grocery stores do not carry it. In our neck of the woods it may be next to impossible to find it fresh but may be available in a canned version. If you do decide to add it to your shopping list to use as a plant-based meat alternative be sure to look for the version that is labelled "young" or "green." Something that tasted like pineapples would not have been very good in that butter chicken dish I had.

Something to think about.

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**LAURIE SWEIG**

*Practical Fitness*

# Fun ways to promote literacy skills with your kids

In less time than it takes to watch a TV sitcom, reading with your child for 20 minutes each day can lead to benefits that last a lifetime.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is offering these encouraging words to local families in the lead up to Family Literacy Day on Jan. 27. The awareness day highlights the benefits for parents and caregivers to read, talk, listen, and play with children for 20 minutes each day to help develop strong literacy skills for life. The Family Literacy Day website ([www.familyliteracyday.ca](http://www.familyliteracyday.ca)) makes it easy to do this with resources, tips and fun activities.

"As parents, we all appreciate those moments when we can turn off our electronics and plug into quality time with our children by sharing a book, story or joke," says Shelley Shaughnessy, a public health nurse with the HKPR District Health Unit. "It's time well-spent, and the research backs this up in a big way."

*ABC Life Literacy Canada* is the organization that promotes Family Literacy Day. According to ABC, children whose parents spend time reading and encouraging literacy score better on standardized reading tests. More importantly, says Shaughnessy, children can enjoy improved speech skills that can help them in an ever-changing world.

Shaughnessy understands that tight schedules or a child's lack of interest can

make it difficult for parents to read or do literacy activities for 20 minutes each day. "While that is a reality," she notes, "there are creative ways to engage and support your child's literacy skills, even if it doesn't involve picking up a book."

For example, Shaughnessy offers some fun ways to encourage literacy skills that won't feel like learning to children. They include:

- Playing a board game together or telling knock-knock jokes while doing the dishes.
- Organizing a "grocery hunt" in which children search the store for food items on the family grocery list.
- Playing "home restaurant" by getting children to create a menu for a meal by drawing food items or using grocery store flyers. To spice up mealtime, children can even take food orders too.
- Getting children to read different traffic signs along the roadway when travelling out-of-town.
- Visiting the local library and getting your child a library card. This can increase independence and inspire a child to borrow and read books that are of personal interest.

"Engaging a child for 20 minutes each day to support literacy skills is worth every minute, especially given the rewards for you and your child," Shaughnessy adds. For additional resources, including speech and language milestones and links to local service providers, visit the KidTalk website ([www.kidtalk.on.ca](http://www.kidtalk.on.ca)).



# St. Stephen's proposed as green burial site

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

The Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society is proposing that an undeveloped section at the north end of the cemetery at St. Stephen's Church along Buckslide Road in Algonquin Highlands become Haliburton County's first green burial site.

The society's Terry Moore paid a visit to Algonquin Highlands councillors during their Jan. 16 meeting.

Moore and his wife Shirley lost their son Kyle last February, after a decades-long battle with brain cancer. Kyle's strong environmental convictions meant his family tried to seek out environmentally-friendly burial options locally. Green burials do not include the use of embalming chemicals, steel, fibreglass or cement vaults, but rather use biodegradable shrouds, coffin-shaped baskets or unfinished wooden coffins. While the Moores were able to find cemeteries offering green winter burials in places such as Roseneath, Cobourg and Kitchener-Waterloo, they struggled with the idea of burying their son in a place far from home, that he didn't know. Ultimately, the Moores chose to have their son's body embalmed for a spring burial at St. Stephen's cemetery, which Moore has explained was a difficult decision for the family.

The Moores have since founded Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society, and have given a number of delegations to municipal councils in Haliburton County since last spring, explaining the environmental benefits of green burials, as well as encouraging local councils to adopt bylaws that would permit green burials to take place within municipal-



The Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society is proposing an undeveloped section of the St. Stephen's cemetery in Algonquin Highlands would be the ideal location for the county's first green burial site. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

ly owned cemeteries.

"We've had a lot of people come back to us over the last eight months," Moore told councillors last week. "It's actually been an incredible experience."

Moore said there is a high level of interest in the concept of green burials, that the society now has more than 25 members, and has received thousands of dollars in donations. There have even been offers of land for the purposes of a green cemetery, however, as Moore explained, the creation of new burial grounds is a complicated one that would entail a \$100,000 deposit right off the bat. Therefore the creation of green burial sections within existing, traditional cemeteries is the preferred choice. The group has been working in collaboration with the City of Niagara Falls, which has been a pioneering municipality on green burials, and it is creat-

ing a website that will include a section on frequently asked questions regarding green burials.

Another request from Moore has been that the county's municipalities consider permitting winter burials, which take place within some communities.

"There's no burial options at all in the county for six months," Moore said, encouraging councils to consider operations and equipment that would permit burials between November and April. Moore said that there has been some conflation of green burials and winter burials since he is requesting both, and while he said ideally these practices might be introduced in lockstep, he encouraged the adoption of either as soon as possible.

"Of all the cemeteries in the county, it's the least developed," Moore said of the cemetery at St. Stephen's, explaining that was why the

society was proposing that it be the first to accommodate green burials. Moore was also requesting the creation of an ad-hoc committee to work on the project, one that would be disbanded once green burials were instituted.

"It's a good conversation and it's a conversation worth having," said Mayor Carol Moffatt. "... I think people are really attentive to see this go forward."

Moffatt noted that council is already supportive in principle of the society's work, and thought that instead of a committee, continued conversations between the group and council would be sufficient in terms of accomplishing what needed to get done. After a visit from Moore last year, council agreed that it would put plot sales in the northern portion of the St. Stephen's cemetery on hold.

"We said yes, and we said yes to St. Stephen's," Moffatt said.

"I would prefer to see a good, solid working relationship as opposed to a committee," Moffatt added.

While the site would be the first one in the county, "I do think people probably want to be buried in their own community," said Councillor Lisa Barry, indicating that it would probably be worthwhile for other lower-tier townships to also continue looking at the practice of green burials.

Moffatt asked how it would be decided whom got buried within the St. Stephen's site. Moore said some municipalities have restrictions on their cemeteries that limit plot sales to residents of the municipality, or have a fee that is applied for non-residents.

The society is hosting an educational workshop regarding green burials at Dysart et al council chambers in the Village of Haliburton on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 1 p.m.



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# Words come easily for Minden's prolific poet

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

The first thing Beth McWatters does after sitting back down in the armchair next to the window in her living room from which she gathers inspiration as life outside happens, is show the visitor to her apartment a poem she has written in their honour.

The second thing she does is show how arthritis has affected her hands, and explains she won't be able to write the poems she has become so well-known for by neighbours and within her community any longer. The 92-year-old doesn't have pain, but using traditional writing tools is difficult.

"If I write one poem, it takes me an hour to print it," she says, "I can't do anything about it. I can't write with my left hand. I never did that in my life, I wish I had've. We didn't do that. When I was in school, we weren't even allowed to write with your left hand."

Jim, her neighbour downstairs, "puts the poems through his machine," and prints them out so that they are legible despite what McWatters said is her difficult-to-read handwriting. He's even written a poem about McWatters, noting her spunky adventures slipping poems under the doors of people who live in the same building.

"I kept going and going," laughed McWatters. "In here, the bulletin board is filled of poems I made for the gal that runs the place here, the cleaning lady, the maintenance man. They're all on the bulletin board."

McWatters has also written poems for people and businesses throughout the community she sees often: the OPP, Troy Optical, TD Bank, Tim Hortons, even the Minden Times. "I don't know where it comes from," she said. "It just happens."

Born in April 1927 to Bella and Ted Arsenault on Prince Edward Island, McWatters grew up in Summerside, a city she notes as being the next biggest to Charlottetown. Her father worked at a foundry, which he ended up running, and her mom, "all she did was bake," said McWatters.

"We were a big family," she said. "We were 14, but one little boy passed away with cerebral palsy, and we were 13 all the time. We were outside playing, playing hockey and ball and skating, doing all the things."

Without electricity, McWatters remembers a different life than she lives now.

"As a matter of fact, when I got home from school, my job – we all had jobs, the kids – my job was cleaning the lamp flue, we called it," she said. "You had to have that nice and shiny at night so you could see to do your lessons."

As a child raised Catholic, she went to a



Beth McWatters, 92-years-old, has a name for herself as the poet laureate of her apartment building in Minden. McWatters has a collection of poetry that includes odes to wildlife she has encountered, tributes to residents and employees in her apartment complex and poems in honour of local businesses including Troy Optical and Tim Hortons. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

with a less appropriate word, to her nun at the time.

"I don't know what did it," she said. "I just started rhyming."

After the convent, McWatters helped her mom at home and worked in a potato bag factory after school, before moving to Toronto to work in a factory where swim caps and jar rings were made. She met her husband in Toronto, and later they lived at their cottage on South Beaver Lake, near Norland.

"But I did an awful lot of poems," she said. "I lived at the cottage for years, near all the animals: the fish, the snake, the beaver, the chipmunks. So I wrote about them all, you see? I don't know why I did it. I just did it."

A binder in her living room reads "Poems by Beth" on the outside, and includes the poems McWatters has written throughout the years.

"I don't care for TV all that much, but I do watch the hockey all the time, and the baseball," she said. "When it's not on, I miss it. The news is always so bad, right now especially, it's terrible. I don't know, something comes to my head, and it just flows. I'll think of something and I'll just write one word. Then maybe later on, something else and I'll put another word. Then later on I'll put it together. I don't know how I do it. I can't explain it. It just seems to be so easy or something that I don't really think that much about it."

McWatters is disappointed that she physically isn't able to keep writing her poetry, something she hoped to do even as she turns 93 in a few months. Technology isn't easy for her to use, so she isn't sure how to keep writing while the poetry continues coming to mind, but that might not stop her just yet.

"Well, I have to write one more, I know," she laughs, noting that she hasn't yet written an ode to the building's security guard.

convent until Grade 9, at which point you had to go to public school if you wanted to continue schooling.

"We were brought up with the nuns," she said, and then, when asked what that was like: "Ohhhh. Some of them were nice, and the one, she was cross."

The nun who taught Grade 3 was nice, as was the one in Grade 5, both who McWatters remembers by name despite the years gone by.

"You just remember the ones that were nice to you," she said. "But you still had to behave. Really, really behave."

McWatters did not always behave. Her family lived in town, with "a big yard, a big garden, and a big apple tree," as well as raspberries and plums on the land. It's there that McWatters thinks she might have become interested in poetry.

"We had a big yard and my neighbours had a big yard too," she said. "We always played together, the kids there played with us, and we were out playing this one day. The neighbours, they had their grandmother with them on the weekend. We were all playing out in the yard, eh, and she was watching us from the window. It was the summer. And I said, Ol' Maryanne, she didn't give a damn, she lift up her petticoat and peed like a man."

McWatters's father was also outside, and when he heard her poem, she said he took her by the arm, into the house and questioned why she said it, then made her stay inside. She was maybe nine or 10 years old.

"Wasn't that awful?" she asked. "That was awful."

McWatters also got a pointer on the hand at school when she rhymed the word spell



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HHSS student Quinton Little, as Dr. Everett V. Scott, sitting in a wheelchair is surrounded by cast members Macy Miscio, as Janet Weiss, left, Codie Wilkinson, as Dr. Frank N' Furter, Wyatt Hutchings, as Riff Raff, Ryanne Horsley, as Magenta, Jordy Schell, as Brad Majors, April Kovacs, as Columbia, Trista Greer, as Rocky, and Abigail Kauffeldt and Krystin Hope, as part of the ensemble during a scene.



HHSS students April Kovacs, as Columbia, Ryanne Horsley, as Magenta, Wyatt Hutchings, as Riff Raff, react to Dr. Frank N' Furter, played by Codie Wilkinson, right.

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Answers on page 16



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON  
LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE  
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, February 10th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-022/19
- Applicant: Ruth Smith, Thomas Barry Smith, & David Joel Kovac
- Location of the Property: Pt Lot 8 & 9, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Minden,
- Nature of the Application: New Lot

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 23rd day of January, 2020.

Lisa Gillan

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## SPORTS

# Hawks will grow from narrow loss

by **DARREN LUM**  
Times Staff

With hands on heads, shirt collars held by teeth, hands slapping on outstretched arms, and calls for a foul, Red Hawks players and head coach Paul Longo exhibited their disbelief at a lack of foul call on the eventual final possession play of 43-42 loss to the undefeated Wildcats of I.E. Weldon on Thursday, Jan. 16 in Haliburton.

The commotion was directed at the official closest to the play because of what the Hawks believed was a foul committed against Camden Marra, who scored on a circus shot, made after a missed three-pointer.

"It is what it is. It's basketball. You got to try and fight for everything, you know. It looked like a little bit of a foul on the last play of the game here, but I'm really impressed we were able to put a shot up," Longo said. "We designed a play for a three-point shot for Holden [Dupret-Smith]. Camden did a hell of a job getting in there to get that board and got that shot up and can't believe it went in, but it looked like a foul, but I'm not going to get upset."

The close loss hurts, but Longo believes the team will learn from the experience.

"I'm so proud these guys. Weldon [came in] 6-0 in our league right now and we gave them everything they can handle today. I thought we were the better team overall. I think we missed some easy layups and easy shots in the first half that could have been the difference. I'm really, really proud of our effort. Every single guy gave everything they have on both ends of the floor. To hold a team like Weldon to 43 points is pretty good, really good. I love our tenacity and our fight. We fight for everything. We don't give up on a play, even if we make a mistake. We come back and correct it. We just don't give up on anything. That's just the character of these guys. All 14 of them," he said.

The Hawks are 3-3 in league play as of Monday morning, Jan. 20. Longo points out the Hawks were dominated by the Wildcats earlier in the season, losing by 20 on Dec. 10 in Lindsay. He said this game shows how far the team has progressed in the past two months.

The Hawks were missing "big man" Joe Boice at the five and Mike Stephen.

Coming into the game, the team was on a roll, winning two league games in a row, beating the Titans of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary 64-46 and then the Brock Bulldogs 52-38.

The potential for success is looking good after this close game with the Wildcats.

"If we can take a good AAA [school] team to a one possession game like that then we should be able to use that as motivation in our A [school] games," he said.

The Hawks defence is relentless and easily translated into a dozen turnovers in each half.

Longo wondered aloud if the team could have won the game, if they could have converted just one of these turnovers into two points.

Longo loved his entire team's effort, but made a point of acknowledging Ethan Glecoff, Ryan Mee, Carson Phillips and

Red Hawks guard Camden Marra leaps to the net, as a Wildcats of I.E. Weldon defender looks for the block.

Brenden Newhook.

A tournament in Bracebridge at the end of the upcoming exams will be used as a tuneup for February.

The team has two league games left and one day of interlock action, which includes two games.

The Hawks are currently the No. 1 A seed in Kawartha West with a 3-3 as of Monday, Jan. 20. There are four league games left in the season.

There is a belief that resides with the team when it comes to success.

Longo said his team is never intimidated despite the majority of the team being in Grade 11. There is a long term goal for this young team.

"We have a goal. Our goal in Grade 12 [next year] is to try and get an OFSAA berth for A [schools]. So we're trying," he said.

Longo gave credit to the Weldon player who sank the three-pointer to tie the game 37-37 with 5:45 left in the game. Up to that point, both teams were struggling to score.

The rest of the game came down to which team could execute and turnover the ball less.

"Great game. Two, I thought, evenly matched teams and, you know, the basketball gods went the other way and that's OK," he said.

Red Hawks post player Ethan Glecoff collides with an I.E. Weldon defender who draws the charge during Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Thursday, Jan. 16 in Haliburton. The Red Hawks lost 43-42, but pushed the undefeated Wildcats on the Hawks' final possession, which led to two points scored by Marra from a miss (and what Hawks thought could have been an and-one scoring opportunity to tie the game). /DARREN LUM Staff



Red Hawks guard Camden Marra gets tangled with a Wildcats of I.E. Weldon defender.



UPCOMING

Community Events

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at [classifieds@haliburtonpress.com](mailto:classifieds@haliburtonpress.com)

Wilberforce Heritage Guild Annual General Meeting

When: Wednesday Jan. 22, 7 p.m.

Where: The Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum, 2314 Loop Road in Wilberforce

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, Jan. 22, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205

Haliburton Highlanders Pipes & Drums Robbie Burns Night

When: Jan. 25, 7 p.m.

Where: Haliburton Royal Canadian Legion

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Community Conversation on Living and Dying Well

When: Monday, Jan. 27, 1 to 3 p.m.

Where: Dorset Recreation Centre Hospice

Pull up a chair, grab a coffee and join in the conversation. Open discussion about life to end of life journey. Supported group chat to ask questions about issues of concern to you in your journey. Facilitated discussion to develop and share strategies on living and dying well.

Minden Legion presents Gord Kidd & No Friends

When: Saturday, Feb. 1, 2 to 5 p.m.

Where: Minden Legion

Lunch available to purchase from 12 to 2 p.m., Meat Draw at 1 p.m.

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association monthly meeting

When: Monday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.

Where: HCSA Clubhouse, 171 Mallard Road in Haliburton's Industrial Park.

It's a busy time for the HCSA with a number of projects on and off trail projects on the go. For further info email [info@hcsa.ca](mailto:info@hcsa.ca) or call 705-457-4263. Everyone is Welcome

100 Women Who Care Winter Meeting

When: Tuesday, Feb. 4

Where: The Dominion Hotel, Dining Room, Minden

Time: Social and Registration 6:30 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.

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Kinmount and District Educational Bursary Annual Fundraiser Dinner/Auction

When: Saturday, Feb. 8, Doors Open at 5 p.m.

Dinner is at 6 p.m.

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Red Hawks forward Will Craftchick leans into a shot during Kawartha High School Hockey League action on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks lost 3-1 to the Cobourg Collegiate Institute Wolves. Craftchick, who is a Grade 10 rookie, scored his first goal of the season in the loss. / DARREN LUM Staff

# Home loss for Hawks against Wolves

by **DARREN LUM**  
*Times Staff*

A pair of posts, a dollop of bad luck and six more minutes of penalties than their opponents for the Red Hawks hockey team was the recipe for a 3-1 loss to the visiting Wolves on Wednesday, Jan. 15 in Haliburton.

Hawks coach Jason Morissette said he liked how his team played overall, but delivered a post-game message to stay out of the penalty box, particularly for major infractions.

“You got to stay disciplined,” he said. “Taking those four-minute penalties. There were a few there.”

Early on, the teams played four-on-four, which favoured the quick skating Wolves, Longo said.

“It’s hard to score when you’re not five-on-five and you’re not getting the powerplays, right? We did not get a powerplay goal. Our goal was [scored] on a five-on-five so again ... it’s choices that they have to make. And again if your team is not as skilled as the other team through the lineup then you know you have to play the system you’re taught because the system ... if you got a team that is skating or has more skaters than you do you play the system to keep you in the game and it gives you more chances,” he said.

Despite the loss, Morissette said the team has likely earned enough wins to have assured itself a Kawartha League play-off spot.

No. 1 goalie for the Hawks Carson Sisson was tagged with

the loss.

The Hawks had four defencemen play in this game, including rookie Ty Mills, who Morissette credited with a solid game, as evidence of his development.

The lone goal in the loss came from rookie Will Craftchick, who has played three games this season and was out of the lineup the first four because of a concussion suffered with another team in another league.

The Grade 10 student said scoring his first of his high school career and first of the season was awesome.

“It was more the other guys working than me. I ended up in the right spot and I just got rewarded, I guess. It’s amazing,” he said.

The team has been competitive this season, particularly against the top teams and this game was an example of that.

“It’s a learning experience for them, but again that game could quite easily have been 3-2, even 3-3. Even in the second [Braeden] Robinson hits a post. If that goes in we’re going to the third [down] 3-2,” he said. “Our main offensive guys [who are Robinson, Lucas Haedicke and Desi Davies] they had opportunities. They played well. The puck just didn’t go post and in. It went post and out.”

Hawks notes:

A game before this loss the Hawks shut out the Knights of Norwood 7-0 while on the road.

Rookie goalie Darian Maddock earned the shutout, his first of the season. Braeden Robinson tallied three goals to earn the hat-trick.

# Bowling Scores

**Monday afternoon, Jan. 13**  
High Average (cumulative)  
Women – Cathy Snell – 219  
Men – Rick West – 228  
**This Week’s Highs – Women**  
High Single – Cathy Snell -259  
High Single Hcp – Joanne Freitag – 317  
High Triple – Cathy Snell – 662  
High Triple Hcp – Joanne Freitag – 752  
**This Week’s Highs – Men**  
High Single – Gary Hunt – 251  
High Single Hcp – Gary Hunt -275  
High Triple – Claude Cote – 663  
High Triple Hcp – Fred Phipps – 734  
**Tuesday Afternoon Bowling Scores for Jan. 14**  
**Men**  
High Average Claude Cote 195  
High Single Claude Cote 279  
High Single H/C Claude Cote 305  
High Triple Claude Cote 696  
High Triple H/C Claude Cote 774  
**Women**  
High Average Chris Cote 184  
High Single Chris Cote 240  
High Single H/C Lynda Weir 279  
High Triple Chris Cote 551  
High Triple H/C Lynda Weir 700  
**Thursday afternoon Jan. 16**  
Ladies:  
High Single: Pat Stiver 205  
High Single w/hdcp: Julie Petch 257  
High Triple: Pat Stiver 529

High Triple w/hdcp: Julie Petch 658  
**Men:**  
High Single: Wes Lowell 231  
High Single w/hdcp: Wes Lowell 300  
High Triple: Brian Hamilton 578  
High Triple w/hdcp: Brian Hamilton 773  
**Haliburton Red Wolves Bowling Scores**  
Casey Heley 239, Skylar Pratt 180, Andrea Austin 170, Emily Boccitto 159, Russell Whetstone 158, Brodie Mason 158

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### Junior Hawks lose close game to Wildcats

Red Hawks junior player Jackson Wilson rises for a shot over I.E. Weldon Wildcats defenders during Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Thursday, Jan. 16 in Haliburton. The Hawks lost 49-37, but had a standout game from Wilson, who finished with 17 points to lead the team. /DARREN LUM Staff

### DVD of the Month - January



**Sully** with Tom Hanks directed by Clint Eastwood  
On Jan. 15, 2009, Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger and his co-pilot Jeff Skiles begin a routine flight from LaGuardia airport that turns into one of the most terrifying aviaional ordeals ever experienced. After a mere three minutes in the air, at an approximate altitude of 2,800 feet, a bird strike disables both engines, and Sullenberger (a certified glider pilot in his spare time) is forced to crash-land the aircraft containing 155 people in the Hudson river – without a single casualty. Though he's hailed as a hero for his skill, Sully's actions are called into question by the National Transportation Safety Board, who believe he could have safely landed the plane at the nearby Teterboro airport. The all out investigation that follows threatens to destroy not only Sully's career, but his reputation and peace of mind as well.  
*Sully* is available at Haliburton County Public Library.

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### NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION & PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT PLZBA2020004

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site specific amendment applies to property municipally known as **Vacant Land on Bobcaygeon Road** and located in Part of Lot 5, Concession 'A', in the Geographic Township of Minden (see Key Map below).

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The subject property is presently zoned Residential Type One (R1). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to the site specific Residential Type One Exception Five (R1-5) Zone which would permit a duplex dwelling as an additional permitted use of the property.

#### DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – PLZBA2020004

Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020  
Time: 9:00 AM  
Location: Municipal Council Chambers,  
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street during normal office hours and online at [www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom](http://www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom). For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at [iclending@mindenhills.ca](mailto:iclending@mindenhills.ca) or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext.206).

**ANY PERSON** may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

**IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED OF THE DECISION** of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills at the address below.

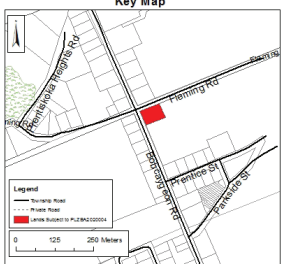
If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

**PRIVACY DISCLOSURE:** As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/ made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

**DATED** this 23rd day of January, 2020  
Ian Clendening, MPl., Planner  
Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0

We cannot guarantee the exact time the Public Meeting will commence as the time may vary depending on the number of items on the agenda and the complexity of each matter brought forward.



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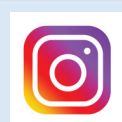
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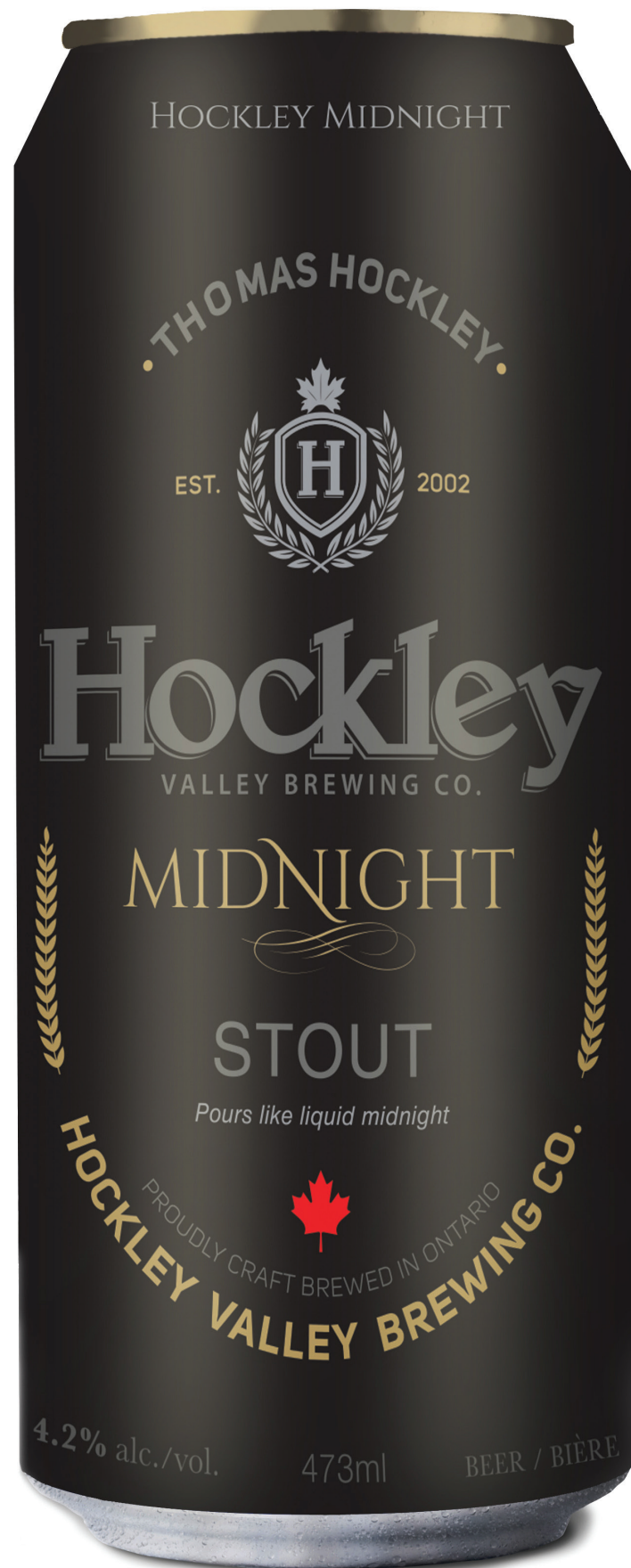
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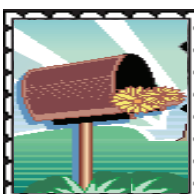
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*Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Saturday, January 18th, 2020, at the age of 97, with declining health, and after a fall earlier in the week.*


Beloved wife of Archie Scott (deceased 2011) for almost 60 years. Dearly loved mother of Debra Scott (Roger) of Haliburton, Wayne Thompson (Tanis) of Cannington, Sandi Martyn of Stouffville, and predeceased by daughters Lynn Margaret (1944) and Sheila Bennett (1996). Sadly missed by grandchildren Cynthia Martyn; Tanya and Tammy Thompson; Jennifer, Joe, Julie and Jordana Graham. She was proud to have 8 great-grandchildren. Pre-deceased by sister Elizabeth Sheard, as well as brothers MD Cameron and LV Cameron, all previously of the Georgian Bay area.

Vi was a strong, hard-working and determined lady her whole life. She and Archie were owners of two restaurants, Scotty's Green Acres (West Guilford) and Scotty's Country Kitchen (Maple Lake). Mom also worked as a cook at the Hockey Haven, Camp Wanakita, and Hyland Crest. Vi was known for her gardens, and was thrilled to win first prize in her first entry at the Minden Flower Show. She learned to do folk art when she retired and spent many hours creating treasures that her family enjoys in their homes.

We are blessed to have had her for such a long life. For so many reasons, she will be greatly missed by her family, and we will miss the many outings, laughter and adventures we had with her over many years.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, on Saturday, January 25, 2020 from 11:30 am until the time of the Funeral Service to Celebrate Vi's Life at 12:30 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre. Spring internment at the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery, Maple Lake.

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## Near-perfect conditions

# Mushers draw thousands to Minden Derby

It was a perfect weekend for racing according to the Race Governor of the Minden Sled Dog Derby Val Loughheed. She was commenting following the close of the fourteenth annual Minden Techni-Cal Challenge Sunday afternoon, February 1.

"The weather was ideal, the trail conditions were next to perfect, the spectators came out in droves and the best mushers in north America came to Minden. I couldn't have asked for anything more," Loughheed said.

Her comments were repeated by mushers and many of the thousands of visitors who converged on Minden. "This has always been my favourite race," a veteran musher said. "The trail is a tough one, but the welcome and organization is second to none." Many of the spectators repeated those sentiments.

The top spot in the eight dog competition went to Pierre Thibadeau of St. Georges, Quebec. He managed to shave one minute and twenty seconds off his Saturday time of 29:35.20 to claim the first place prize with an overall run of 57:44.47. The eight dog teams run eight miles each day with the two day total determining the winner. In second spot was Arleigh Reynolds of Spencer, New York who covered the 16 mile distance in 58:36.61. Third place went to John Samburg of Paul Smiths,

New York at 59:04.94. Minden racer, and a member of the organizing committee, Steve Loughheed, placed ninth with a time of 1:00:50.76.

World champion musher Lou Serre of Markstay, Ontario led the four dog class

with a combined two day total of 30:32.17. The four dog teams run four miles in each of the two heats. Gary Callahan of Madison, Ohio was over a minute behind Serre at 31:41.80 to place second. Third spot went to Pat Hnatiuk

of Massey Ontario with a time of 31:58.52. Minden musher Jesse Loughheed placed fifteenth at 36:50.48 with his brother Caleb in twentieth spot at 38:16.38.

The event, which is sponsored by Martin Pet Foods of

Elmira, makers of Techni-Cal Dog Food, attracted thousands of spectators to Minden on both days of the weekend. The race had originally been scheduled for January 17 and 18, but had to be postponed due to poor trail conditions.



Leigh Gilchrist of Brechin, Ontario, and his team charge for the finish line during the Saturday heat of the Minden Techni-Cal Challenge Sled Dog Derby. The Gilchrist team was one of nearly 70 to compete during the weekend.

## SIRCH book is a guide for other communities

In a quiet room at the University of Toronto, on January 26, a Haliburton County dream became a reality. SIRCH Inc. held a book launch for the book *From Dream to Reality*, the story of how the Women's Emergency House in Haliburton was conceived and created. MPP Chris Hodgson and Diane Cunningham, the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and the Minister responsible for Women's Issues, were on hand to participate in the event.

*From Dream to Reality* tells the story of SIRCH's realization of the need for an emergency shelter for women in abusive situations, and the community that helped make the idea a tangible reality. It is a step by step guide for any community to construct its own emergency house. The book was originally written in 1995, but has been updated by Lon Duncombe, due to a large number of requests for information from around the world. Inquiries have been made from as far away as New

Zealand, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Holland and Japan, for help on similar projects. The hope is that with this publication, SIRCH can assist other communities in Ontario, Canada and the rest of the world, in the creation of self-sufficient emergency shelters for women.

The Executive Director of SIRCH, Gena Robertson, spoke of the grassroots community participation, hard work and dedication that built the Women's Emergency House. "From Dream to Reality outlines what we did, or didn't do and why, the obstacles, the decisions, the successes and the people involved," said Robertson. "We learned lots of lessons and we've passed those on to the reader."

Women's Emergency House was built in 1993 in response to the need for a refuge for women in Haliburton County. Prior to its construction, a woman who wanted to leave an abusive situation would have to leave the county in order to receive help. Now, after five years of operation, the Women's Emergency House has assisted 39 women and 48 children.

The facility has been accessed on almost 900 bednights. The women range in age from 17 to 64 and the children from two months to 16 years of age. The emergency house contains three bedrooms, with room for up to 12 women and children to stay for up to three weeks. It provides a safe environment and is also wheelchair accessible.

The house was built with the help of many volunteers and local businesses, who donated time, labour and materials. According to Gena Robertson, the house receives no annualized funding from the government. It survives with the help of fundraising and grants. Robertson stated that this venture, although ideal in small rural areas, such as Haliburton County, should not be considered an alternative for government funded facilities.

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